

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AMENDMENT 1 BALLOT QUESTION ENTITLED “RIGHTS OF ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS REGARDING SOLAR ENERGY CHOICE”, SCHEDULED FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION; URGING THE REJECTION OF AMENDMENT 1; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, solar photovoltaic energy offers many potential benefits, including: lower electricity costs for homeowners, businesses, and governments; local jobs and economic development; reduced dependence on imported fuels; pollution-free electricity generation; no water use; and contribution to a more resilient electric grid; and

WHEREAS, increased solar-generated electricity, including customer-sited systems on residential and commercial properties, will be a key strategy for achieving this community-wide goal of maximizing the utilization of Florida’s abundance of sunlight; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1, titled "Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice, “will be presented to voters at the November 8, 2016 general election; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 purports to provide a new “choice” for solar power in its title, but no choices are provided in Amendment 1 and no new solar rights are created, but instead, Amendment 1 will place critical restrictions on existing solar rights in the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the ballot question for Amendment 1 is titled "Rights of Electricity Consumers Regarding Solar Energy Choice" and, as it is described above, it is detrimental to the Village of Key Biscayne’s previously expressed support for efforts to increase solar energy generation and other forms of renewable energy in the Village of Key Biscayne and in the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE
OF KEY BISCAVNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the recitals stated above is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Opposition to Amendment 1 Ballot Question. The Village Council deems Amendment 1 to be deliberately misleading as to its purpose and effect. The Village Council opposes the adoption of Amendment 1 and urges all Village electors to understand that Amendment 1 is adverse to compellingly important sustainable energy policies

Section 3. Instructions. The Village Clerk is hereby instructed to publish a copy of this Resolution to all voters of the Village of Key Biscayne, as well as to all subscribers to Village media outlets, and to email this Resolution to all municipal and county governments of the State of Florida so as to disseminate the Village of Key Biscayne's position relative to Amendment 1.

Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of November, 2016.


MAYOR MAYRA PEÑA LINDSAY

ATTEST:


CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


VILLAGE ATTORNEY

